

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 35, line 2, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--A conversion kit allowing most standard "V" hay rakes to be easily converted to obtain the improved performance common to trailing wheel rakes without significant modification to the original frame of the standard "V" hay rakes is disclosed. The conversion kit includes a pair of booms that are placed between the rake frame and the rake arm assemblies. These booms are stabilized by a brace. Installation of the conversion kit results in the rotating tined wheels being supported by their trailing faces instead of their leading faces. ~~One aspect of the present invention provides uncoupling the rake arm assemblies from the support frame and coupling a pair of booms in their place. The booms are positioned such that they provide a new coupling point for the rake arm assemblies whereby the rotating tined wheels may be supported from their trailing face instead of their leading face. Another aspect of the present invention provides a hay rake having two booms which provide support for the trailing faces of the rotating tined wheels attached to two rake arms. --~~